

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/054,422		VALENTINE ET AL.	
	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Kristie D. Shingles		2141	

All Participants:

(1) Kristie D. Shingles, Examiner.

(2) Richard Baker, Atty.

Date of Interview: 26 September 2007

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

n/a

Claims discussed:

1, 2, 3, 11, 12

Prior art documents discussed:

n/a

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Status of Application: ALLOWED

(3) _____

(4) _____

Time: 3:00pm

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Upon Primary's approval, Examiner contacted Applicant with suggested amendments to place the claims in condition for allowance. The independent claims did not claim an apparent utility for resolving the network topology, Examiner suggested amending the independent claims with language from claims 2 or 3 to specify that the network topology was resolved or presented with the inferred devices or unresolved branch. Examiner further suggested amending instances of "non-connecting network device" in the claims to "endstation type" device for consistency with Applicant's specification and for clarity. Atty authorized Examiner to amend the claims accordingly.